ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT: I have received notice from—for the adjournment of the business of the house for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, *viz.*, the alarm and unrest, created among the public, due to the alleged ill-treatment meted out to the prisoners in the Central Jail causing the sudden death of one of them just after the alleged quarrel between them and the jail authorities on Monday, the 8th Karkadagom 1114.

Mr. Chief Secretary, how does the position stand now?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Sir, I have already explained to the House yesterday what actually happened. The Medical Certificate and the Postmortem Certificate are expected today. The matter is sub-judice.

PRESIDENT: Has any case been registered?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Yes, a case has been registerd by the Police and the matter is under investigation.

PRESIDENT: As the matter is under investigation and the Police have registered a case, the matter is sub-judice and it is hoped that the investigation will bring all the facts to light. The matter being sub-judice, I rule the adjournment motion out of order.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

Demand I—Land Revenue and Taxes on Income.

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 10,51,949 under Demand I—Land Revenue and Taxes on Income.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, I move for the reduction of the allotment of Rs. 2,500 for travelling allowance by Re. 1. The object of my motion is, as is stated, "To discuss the desirability of relieving the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner of his duties as the Registrar of Co-operative Societies so as to make mistravelling more beneficial to the tax-payers in the State." Sir, the Land Revenue and Income Tax Department, is no doubt, one of the most important branches of the administration of the State and also the biggest Department. It is seen from the Administration Report for the year 1113 that even a full time Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner was able to be in camp only for 90 days during the year. It is the supreme duty of the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner by virtue of his travelling to be convinced of the actual needs and sufferings of the ryots in the State. Sir, he has, during his travel as at present circumstanced to perform duties in three different capacities, that is to say, one in the capacity of the Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner and another in the capacity of the Registrar of the Co-operative Societies. I am given to understand that he has been asked to discharge the duties of an arbitrator also in a very serious dispute involving the interests of Government to a very great extent. Therefore my submission, Sir, is that his travelling has not resulted in any substantial benefit to the tax-peayers in the State. Personally speaking, I have no reason to doubt the honesty or correctness of the present Land Revenue and Income-Tax Commissioner. But, Sir, I am in possession of certain documents which will tend to show that very serious scandals are rampant about his appointment as the arbitrator in that dispute.

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